

**SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph appearing at page 10, lines 8-25 as follows:

Illustrated in **FIG. 1B**, a computer software system **150** is provided for directing the operation of the computer system **100**. Software system **150**, which is stored in system memory **102** and on disk memory **107** (each of which, and their equivalents, may be considered computer usable media), includes a kernel or operating system **151** and a shell or interface **153**. One or more application programs, such as application software **152**, may be "loaded" (i.e., transferred from storage **107** into memory **102**) for execution by the system **100**. The system **100** receives user commands and data through user interface **153**; these inputs may then be acted upon by the system **100** in accordance with instructions from operating module **151** and/or application module **152**. The interface **153**, which is preferably a graphical user interface (GUI), also serves to display results, whereupon the user may supply additional inputs or terminate the session. In a preferred embodiment, operating system **151** and interface **153** are Microsoft Win95, available from Microsoft Corporation of Redmond, Wash. Application module **152**, on the other hand, includes a spreadsheet notebook of the present invention as described in further detail herein below.